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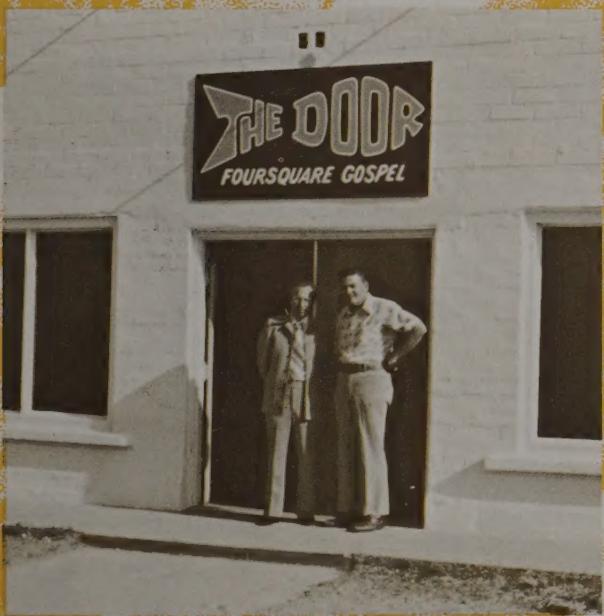
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SPECIAL LIFE CYCLE REPORT: Birthing & Mothering New Churches





"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..." (Eph. 2:10).

We are God's workmanship, His product, fabric, and clay. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Ephesian Church, first declares the wonderful Gospel truth that: the believer has been chosen in Christ prior to the creation of the world; has been redeemed by the Cross; is fully forgiven by divine grace, and; has been accepted and adopted by the Heavenly Father, who gives him eternal life through Christ.

Next, the Apostle states that the believer, who is God's new creation, is the clay in His hands, the fabric with which He works. God is the artist, the designer, the workman. He now works *in us* to produce a product that will glorify Him in our character and conduct.

We so often attempt to make workers of our new converts while they are yet spiritual babes. They need much feeding and training before they can properly minister. We are to be God's workmanship before we become His workers. There must first be a maturing, a building up, a growing, and an inner strengthening, fitting us to be His workers.

God's work in us is typified in the story of the Old Testament tabernacle. Everything in the construction of this sacred structure was designed by the

Preceding the International Foursquare Convention, meetings of the **Home Missions** and **Missionary Cabinet** were held, Jan. 26-Feb. 3 and Feb. 6-17, respectively. The **Christian Education Council**, composed of District Christian Education representatives, met at the National Christian Education headquarter's office, Feb. 17-18 for its annual meeting.

Pastor Howard P. Courtney reports a total missionary giving of \$137,061.42 by **Angelus Temple** in 1977.

The **National Association of Evangelicals** held their 36th Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 21-23. Theme for the convention was, "God's Mandate/Our Mission". **Chaplain Ervin D. Ingebretson** has been appointed as the Executive Secretary of the NAE Commission on Chaplains, and is replacing **Floyd Robertson** who has

served the Commission for 17 years.

The first of two **F.I.L.L.** (Foursquare Involvement Learning Labs) Seminars to be conducted in the **Southwest District** was held on Jan. 21 at the Arlington, Ca. Church by personnel from the International Dept. of Youth and Christian Education. The second seminar will be conducted April 1 in San Diego.

The new church edifice of the **Milledgeville, Ga.** Foursquare Church, pastored by **Rev. Georgia Byrd**, was dedicated recently.

Great Lakes District Supervisor, L. T. Charter officially received into affiliation with the Foursquare Organization, the Fellowship Bible Church of **Decatur, Ill.** This church is pastored by **Rev. Willard Wolverton**, a Mount Vernon Bible College graduate.

At the invitation of Los Angeles County Supervisor, Kenneth Hahn,

God whom Israel worshipped. The pattern and furnishings were not planned by men; they were entirely a divine order.

The believer is pictured as "workmanship"—as clay. He is to be formed into a vessel according to a divine pattern. This requires God's special planning, shaping, firing and finishing. The clay seeks not to find its way. It is, instead, pliable in the hands of the knowledgeable and capable workman.

In one's spiritual development, a person will come to know how greatly God loves him or her. God reveals His love, His mercy and grace through His Word. The believer then learns to trust God more fully.

There comes an inner strength so that patience and longsuffering are developed. Life is lived in inner quietness and peace. There is no fear of hardship, trials and temptations. Here is the joy of an overcomer's life, through Christ: His workmanship, the likeness of Jesus Christ formed within.

We do desire church progress and growth. We must remember that the advancement that glorifies God is not chiefly in the size of our church, but in the Christlike character and conduct of God's workmanship.

*Dr. Clarence E. Hall
Dean Emeritus.
L.I.F.E. Bible College*

Drs. Leland Edwards, Paul E. Jones and Jack Hayford attended a Prayer Breakfast on Dec. 23, 1977, along with leaders of many religious faiths. Purpose was to urge all citizens in the county to pray for peace. Dr. Hayford ministered the Word at this breakfast.

Dr. Jack Hayford, L.I.F.E. Bible College President, was also the guest speaker recently at **Fuller Theological Seminary** in Pasadena, Ca. The singing group, "Regeneration" will be in concert, April 14, at Mount Vernon Bible College. □

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Rufus M. Baskett, Onda E. Deyarmond, Lorena Haines, Lela V. Harrison, Lucy Evelyn Iske, Harvey S. Longanecker, Clare H. Stovic, Mabel G. Wolfe.

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Cover: Pioneer Foursquare Churches in Douglas, Az. (top-left); Logansport, Ind. and; North Heights Albuquerque, N.M. (bottom).

INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:

COMMUNITY CONCERN:

Sign Points Way To Heaven

Converted to Christ several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson of the Muir, Pa.

Foursquare Church, purchased a gas station on Highway 61 in nearby Pottsville.



Desiring to share the Good News of the Gospel with the community, Mr. Jackson had a large sign prepared with the Scripture verse—John 3:3 printed on it. He positioned the sign where it can be seen by motorists as they park in front of the gas pumps to purchase gas. Mr. Jackson also places Gospel tracts in the station restrooms and pipes in Gospel stereo music.

Pastor James Houpt reports that as a result of these evangelistic efforts, Mr. Jackson has had numerous opportunities to minister and witness to station patrons. One couple, which was preparing for a divorce, gives testimony that God used his sign to lead their family to Christ and keep their home together. Another family was led to Christ and is established in a Gospel preaching church. A lady, who accepted Christ, now attends the Muir Foursquare Church.

Christmas Extravaganza Highlights Christ's Birth

Sponsored by the West Adams, Ca. Foursquare Church, a Christmas Extravaganza was held at an Inglewood, Ca. Christian School for 500 children, on Dec. 23.

Delightful entertainment, which taught Bible principles, was provided by three clowns, Gospel singers and other special guests. Chairwoman Colette Henley further reports that the children, wearing party hats, gathered outside around a large

Happy Birthday banner for the Grand Finale. They sang "Happy Birthday, Jesus" and waved balloons bearing this message. Suddenly, many helium-filled balloons were released. Each balloon carried a personal message of goodwill inside with several containing a slip to inform the finder that a gift certificate awaited him at the Foursquare Church.

Refreshments were served and every child received educational and entertainment toys. Pastor and Mrs. Marvin Smith state that the children were honored to have Inglewood Mayor Merle Mergell present, as well as other city officials.

"Let's Celebrate Life" Christmas Telecast

The Portland, Or. Foursquare Church produced its first prime time telecast, aired on Christmas Eve, reaching approximately 75,000 homes throughout the state of Oregon and Southern Washington.



The story of "Life with a Capital L" was designed for family viewing and opened with scenes at famous Mt. Hood Ski Resort as choir members enjoyed a beautiful day in the snow. The cameras then moved through Portland picking up popular scenes and then to youth activities in the church gym, Christians in fellowship, giving and sharing of Christmas joy, all expressing the happiness that is a part of our life in Christ.

Scenes of popular "Story Book Lane", showing a "real life" baby in a manger scene captured the hearts of all viewers to the accompaniment of "The Five Little Fingers of God" which introduced the birth of Jesus Christ.

Pastor and Mrs. Allan Hamilton participated with their family in a fireside setting, as Dr. Hamilton gave his message of Abundant Life.

The telecast culminated in the moving of the cameras into the main sanctuary during a Sunday morning Communion Service as members of the congregation, pastors and a 75-voice choir joined in worship.

Mr. Doug Barber and Judi Fink produced and directed the music.



Pastor and Mrs. Dale Jones (left) of the La Habra, Ca. Foursquare Church receive Beautification Award presented church by local Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee for the consistently, well-maintained and attractive appearance of both the church and its grounds.

HEADQUARTER'S MINISTRIES:

Rev. and Mrs. William Brandt Join Home Mission's Staff



Completing 21 years of ministry on the Midwest District, Rev. and Mrs. William Brandt have joined the staff of the Home Mission's Department as Manager of Insurance and Property, and Secretary—Home Missions, respectively.

After 10 years of pastoral ministry, Rev. Brandt served as District Building Superintendent for 11 years, seeing a total of 22 church and parsonage projects completed.

At Headquarters, Rev. Brandt will be developing a larger church building program within the Department, offering consultation and advice from the standpoint of a builder. He will also be handling other areas of work, such as insurance, and advisor in the Property and Escrow Department.

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We Are Family



From the Keynote Address of Reverend Sidney Westbrook, to the International Foursquare Church Convention.

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named that he would grant you according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:14-19

No believer should ever be confused about kinship. The whole family in heaven and earth is as mystical and awesome as life itself. But the whole family is suddenly brought into clear focus when we receive the Apostle Paul's prayer as our own, that:

*You may be strengthened in the inner man,
Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,
You may be able to comprehend the love of Christ,
and
You may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Allowing the Scriptures to speak, let's look at the beautiful word—family. The Scriptures treat this word as one which joins heaven and earth. All of us who give any place at all to this word know it is a word of relationship, purpose, and unity which gives meaning to our existence. Our family is so basic to our life that the two become synonymous. Any thinking-believing person who carries his thoughts beyond time into eternity quickly discovers that relationship is life; separation is death. The Scriptures clearly state there is an existence called the second death. There is also an existence called eternal life. The Scriptures also teach that it isn't where we are that determines our life; it is to whom we relate that brings life.

Alone, we cannot perfect relationships. The entire race is lost. Life is really only possible through our relationship to our Creator. Then we can relate to His creation. But the word *family* defines a philosophical formula. Instead, this gift from our Father simply warms the hearts of children and comforts the aged. It is the Father's crowning gift of genuine relationship. He gives it in His only begotten Son.

It is not an overstatement to say the whole family in heaven and earth receives its name from the Father (verses 14 and 15). It is no oversimplification to say all true relationships rest in the Father. As we bow our knees to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the major facets of "Living in God's Family" become obvious. On our knees, the Father makes us aware of His gift of life.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED ON INNER STRENGTH

First, our prayer acknowledges that family relationships must flow out of the Father's work of strengthening the inner man. Many years ago, a young man said to me, "Pastor, many believers are almost unaware they have a spirit." Somehow the Holy Spirit took that awareness of the inner man and planted it in my understanding. It has grown until I am convinced all relationships begin with the Father's gracious work in the inner man. It is far too frightening to face our inner self or risk the possibility of an honest relationship with our Creator until we really believe the Apostolic benediction "*Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*"

Most people are convinced there is an inner man. Still, open-hearted relationship to the Father will continue to be repressed by the awful knowledge of ourselves, unless we also know that the Father's first act of acquaintance will be to strengthen the inner man.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE BASED ON INNER LIKENESS

This acceptance into the *Father's Family* is only the beginning. Once we dare to admit life is inner relationship and face the reality of receiving our Creator's acceptance, we then learn another great lesson about the family. Our President's message in the convention program points out that our Foursquare Family is composed of a wide range of men and women from many walks of life. Outwardly, the one thing we notice is how different we are. However, as we begin to receive the strength to look inward, the one thing we discover is how alike we are. Inside we all need forgiveness. We all seek acceptance. All Adam's race knows the anguish of loneliness. May I assure you that all the inner feelings and searchings you experience

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT:

"Living In God's Family"

February 22-28, 1978—Los Angeles, California

LIFE ALUMNI BREAKFAST

It was an excited crowd of over 950 conventioneers, alumni, students and friends that gathered at the Universal Sheraton Hotel in Universal City, California on February 25 for the 1978 LIFE Alumni Reunion Breakfast.

The breakfast program was highlighted by the presence of actor Dean Jones, who was the special guest speaker. His most recent film release is entitled, "Born Again". Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the words shared by Dean and his lovely wife, Lori.

Special music was presented by a ministering group from LIFE Bible College. The presentation and acceptance of scholarships to LIFE students was made, and, again, proved an inspiring time in the program as the spirit of love was demonstrated in this tangible way.

LIFE Alumni Association's annual project for the Bible College was announced. This year's project is to purchase and install a complete in-house video tape system for the college to help facilitate the growing need for expanded ministries. Goal is \$25,000.

INTERNATIONAL C.F.M. LUNCHEON

Anaheim Hyatt House was the scene of the annual International Council of Foursquare Men's luncheon held the opening day of convention. Mr. Norman Williams, one of the few survivors of the tragic runway crash of two Boeing 747 airplanes at Tenerife Airport in the Canary Islands, was the featured speaker.

The 250 men present were stirred by the thrilling testimony of Mr. William's miraculous deliverance from death. He shared the experience of the terrifying minutes following the crash when people were burning, bleeding and dying all around him, yet he was untouched. He was given supernatural strength to divert flying objects and to lift himself through a hole in the ceiling that was far above his head and jump from the wing of the airplane to the ground 20 feet below. Despite a broken foot suffered in the jump, he was able to move away from the explosion and fire that devastated the entire area. He gave all the glory to God for his personal deliverance.

The entire afternoon was a scene of joy and fellowship as the men joined together for this time of inspiration and challenge.

U.F.W. SHEPHERDESS LUNCHEON

United Foursquare Women from hundreds of churches throughout the Southern California area and delegates to the International Convention attended the 20th Annual Shepherdess Luncheon held February 22, at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. Mrs. Sydney Westbrook of Dallas, Texas, welcomed the 1500 ladies attending.

Everyone was delighted with Miss Fran Rottman's tale of the journey of a puppet from the local United Foursquare Women's Chapter to the Alabaster House, into a barrel, and in shipment to a foreign country to assist the missionary in telling someone about Jesus.

Mrs. Jack Loggins, International President of United Foursquare Women, gave words of greeting and introduced past Presidents, Mrs. Elmer Card and Mrs. Karl Williams. The Shepherdesses, lady ministers and wives of ministers, were especially honored at the luncheon and special prayer in their behalf was led by Mrs. M. E. Nicholls.

The women were blessed by the message brought by Joan Sanford who spoke on the theme, "Your Destiny — His Image". Mrs. Sanford is the mother of four children and serves with her husband, Jerry, on the ministerial staff of the East Hill Foursquare Church of Gresham, Oregon. Her speaking ministry has led her to many women's groups, marriage enrichment seminars and couples retreats.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, February 26, conventioneers gathered for this very significant and moving convention service.

Following the message, brought by President Rolf K. McPherson, the candidates for ordination were presented to Dr. McPherson by their respective District Supervisor. The International Board of Directors and District Supervisors assisted President McPherson in the laying on of hands of the candidates as they were set apart for ministry. Approximately 52 ministers were ordained on this occasion.

MINISTERS HONORED

In the closing service of convention, 43 men and women, who have completed 25 years of faithful ministry, were honored and each presented with a 25-year pin.

General Supervisor M. E. Nicholls brought the evening message on the theme, "God's Family Completely Commissioned". A resume of the ministry of each minister so honored was given. Assisting in the service were the District Supervisors and their wives.

A total of 753 ministers have been thus honored since the program began in 1956. [4]



Norman Williams
C.F.M. Luncheon Speaker



Joan Sanford
U.F.W. Luncheon Speaker





Above: Outdoor evangelism at beach church, Kino Bay, Sonora, Mex. Right: A warm spirit is felt in sanctuary of Logansport, Ind. Church. Below: Hungry hearts seek God in Victory Chapel (Flagstaff, Az.) altar service. Pastors on hand to greet folk arriving for La Trinidad (Oxnard, Ca.) Church service.



LIFE CYCLE: The Birthing of New Foursquare Churches

It is happening...the birth of new church bodies of believers, born through the prayers, efforts, sacrifices and financial assistance of mothering Foursquare churches, as well as the support of District leadership and assistance from Canadian and U.S. Home Missions Funds.

Dr. Donald McGregor, Director of Church Growth and Evangelism, shares with our readers in his article, "Mothering New Churches" on pages 8 and 13 of this issue, the concepts and principles of church growth. For the past several years, Dr. McGregor has travelled throughout the United States and Canada conducting Church Growth seminars.

The following reports present a resume of the roles mothering churches, and a division of churches, have played in planting a Foursquare church, or churches, in their respective area:

Prescott, Arizona Foursquare Church Planted: Twenty Foursquare Churches

God has raised up this body of believers for a distinct ministry of church planting. Through the leadership of Pastor Wayman Mitchell, the

Prescott Church has mothered a total of 20 pioneer churches in the past several years.

Believing in positive action, the Prescott congregation will often send "Guerilla Teams" into a new community to engage in witnessing, canvassing, passing out tracts, conducting Gospel concerts or church services. From this groundwork, a church is established and a worker sent from the Prescott congregation, who has been trained in its discipleship program, to pastor the new work. For the first year the Prescott Church assists in the financial support of the new church.

Several of the pioneer works have, in turn, already given birth to new congregations. The Flagstaff, Arizona Church, pastored by Reverend Ron Burrell, has planted three new churches. All have contributed finances back into the Prescott fellowship in order to assist in its ministry of church planting.

Ventura County, California Division of Foursquare Churches

Planted: La Trinidad Spanish
Foursquare Church, Oxnard, California

The Foursquare churches of this division, uniting in vision and purpose, gave birth to the



**Iglesia
LA TRINIDAD**
FOURSQUARE CHURCH



La Trinidad Foursquare Church with Reverend Bill Echeverria appointed as Pastor.

Superintendent Wayne Jennings reports that the churches of this division have always had a close fellowship with a spirit of cooperation existing. It is in this same spirit that the churches again responded to the challenge of planting another Foursquare congregation in Oxnard. Conceived in prayer, Reverend Jennings reports that succeeding, contributing factors included: (1) Dr. Donald McGregor's Church Growth seminars; (2) Support from the U.S. Home Missions Fund and encouragement from the District leadership; (3) The Oxnard Foursquare Church, pastored by Reverend Bob Inglis, releasing Reverend and Mrs. Echeverria from its church body to pastor the new church, as well as other members who felt led to become a part of this new church body, and; (4) the churches of this division assisting financially in the amount of \$300 a month.

Kokomo, Indiana Foursquare Church

Planted: Peru and Logansport, Indiana Foursquare Churches

"Home Bible Studies, conducted in Peru were the initial steps in the establishment of a church there," states Kokomo Pastor Bob Barber.

Expressing a desire to enter the pastoral ministry, Kokomo Youth Pastor, Mike Norton, began to conduct Home Bible Studies in Peru. A Kokomo Church family lived there and were supportive of this ministry. The Kokomo Church extended financial support and housing to Pastor Norton for a period of time. Until this new body of believers was able to purchase property and a small church, they met in a home for one year. Today the church is self-supporting, providing full salary to its pastor and averaging about 85 in attendance.

The initial seeds in birthing the Logansport congregation also began with Home Bible Studies conducted for a brief period. Sometime later, from this nucleus of believers, a fellowship was formed and expression was made to Reverend Barber of its desire to become a part of the Foursquare family. After visiting the Kokomo Foursquare Church and meeting with Pastor and Mrs. Barber, the expressed desire was realized.

Workers from the Kokomo Church, and Pastor Norton served as interim pastors until the arrival of Foursquare ministers—Reverend and Mrs. William Westbrook. This congregation of 40 believers fully supports its pastors.

Clinton, Iowa Foursquare Church

Planted: Dewitt, Iowa Foursquare Church

A group of 6 to 8 people, who live in Dewitt, expressed a desire to establish a Foursquare

church in their town. This group met with District Supervisor L. T. Charter, Divisional Superintendent Charles Hollis and Pastor Jim Machen of the Clinton Foursquare Church, to lay plans to begin a church.

On Mother's Day, May 8, 1977 the first service was conducted in the local bank's lower auditorium. This was made possible by conducting the Worship Service prior to the Sunday School Hour, thus allowing time for Pastor Machen to minister in the service and return to Clinton (20 miles distance) in time for its Worship Service.

Upon the arrival, in July, of the new pastors—Reverend and Mrs. Terry Wilcox, a new parsonage was purchased and church services were then conducted in the parsonage.

Amherst, Ohio Foursquare Church

Planted: Norwalk, Ohio Foursquare Church

In response to an invitation received from Norwalk, Pastor J. Eugene Kurtz of the Amherst Church began holding Bible Study sessions in September, 1974 in the studio of a well-known photographer. A year later the sessions were moved to the local Episcopal church in order to accommodate the increase in attendance.

A deep hunger for the Word was in evidence and many were saved through these studies. A spirit of unity developed among the people and in 1976 many expressed a desire for a Foursquare church body in Norwalk.

Property was purchased for a church building. A modular building was purchased and moved from Indiana to Norwalk for the first unit of the church structure. A new modular home was secured and placed on the property to serve as the church parsonage. Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Bowers were appointed to this pastorate.

Participation and support by the Amherst congregation were outstanding. A total of 25 people who attended the Amherst Church and who lived in the Norwalk area became a part of this new fellowship. Donations included an organ, equipment, supplies, as well as financial support.

Watertown, South Dakota Foursquare Church

Planted: Pierre, South Dakota Foursquare Church

"The Watertown Church has had a concern to plant churches in the eastern sector of South Dakota and North Dakota for several years," states Watertown Pastor, Charles Slater. "The Lord told the Watertown congregation that it was to act upon this concern when the church was full and when invitations came from various cities for

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Top: Pastor leads service in Norwalk, Oh. Church. Above: Sharing in the Word in Pierre, S.D. Below: New congregation gathers in parsonage basement at Dewitt, Ia.





By Dr. Donald L. McGregor
Director, Church Growth and Evangelism

A careful study of the New Testament clearly establishes the Church as God's vehicle or agent for proclaiming His redemptive purpose to all men everywhere. Jesus declared the viability and enduring nature of the Church when he said to His disciples, "*I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (Matt. 16:18). The Apostle Paul reaffirmed this truth when he reminded the Christians at Ephesus that it was God's intention to demonstrate to all principalities and powers His wisdom in the Church (Eph. 3:10).

My travels over the past two years have brought me into close touch with hundreds of churches and pastors. Through this I have become increasingly aware of the fact that the growth of the Church is complex, but not complicated. There are no simple formulas, no quick, easy "five step programs" to growth.

When Christ described the Church He spoke of people called out of darkness into a Kingdom of love and light (Col. 1:13). He spoke of people who would become His Body in the earth giving visible expression of an invisible God (Eph. 1:23). He spoke of a kind of people who would be known by their love for one another (John 13:35). Unless we have this clear understanding of the Church, today, we may never fully comprehend the growth dynamics of the Church.

When we speak of mothering or planting new churches we are not speaking the language of institutionalism—rather, this is the language of love and deep family relationships. It is the language of life—one body of mature, healthy believers planning for the birth and care of a new body of believers. Thus, Church growth is first and always a spiritual life process.

The early disciples were not strangers to such reproducing processes. Not only did the Lord add daily to the young Church (Acts 2:47), its number soon multiplied (Acts 6:7), and before long even the number of congregations increased daily (Acts 16:5) and began to multiply (Acts 9:31). The book of Acts gives no indication that the early Christians ever lost sight of the fact that the Church was people—growing in numbers, daily (Acts 7:48).

The 1977 annual report of Foursquare Churches shows that 28 new churches were

born in the United States and Canada, making a total of 813 congregations. This is the highest number of new churches begun in any one year since 1955. Hopefully, it is the beginning of a new commitment to growth. Many of these new congregations were brought into existence with the direct assistance of nearby parent churches.

As experiencing parenthood is an unequalled and rewarding experience, so a "parent congregation" can enjoy the excitement of a higher level of spiritual life as it assists, sacrificially, in the birthing of an infant church. Before parenthood is considered, it is imperative that the mothering church determine its own preparedness for such a responsibility.

On occasions I have been asked the question, "When is a congregation ready to take on motherhood?" The answer usually expected is a statement indicating a large attendance or membership. However, the key is not in numerical size, but rather when, under proper leadership, a congregation is being equipped to effectively minister to the needs of its members and they in turn are speaking the truth in love to one another. If a local congregation is to be responsible in its plan of seeing a new church begin, it must participate in the planning, birthing and maturation of the new body of believers. As every parent knows, caring for an infant requires much giving and personal sacrifice. Therefore, care should be given in diagnosing the present health of the parent congregation in the following areas:

(1) Does the parent congregation function as a loving unit, each contributing to the spiritual life and growth of the other? (Eph. 4:12-17.)

(2) Does the present growth pattern show that new people are being added to the present body?

(3) Does the parent congregation have an "expectant attitude"?

If the health test proves positive, that mature church should consider growth by reproducing itself through mothering a daughter church, much like itself. In summary, a healthy church is a body of people producing three dimensions of commitment. First, a commitment to God in worship; second, a commitment to one another through loving relationships, and; third, a commitment to God's redemptive purpose for a lost world.

The Chelwood Park Foursquare Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, pastored by Reverend Phil Hyde, is an example of a congregation with this kind of commitment. Recognizing the need for yet another Foursquare church in the largest city of New Mexico (population 400,000), the Chelwood Park Church made plans in the spring of 1977 to establish a third congregation.

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LIFE CYCLE: Mothering New Churches



Above: Pastor greeting congregation of North Heights (Albuquerque, N.M.) Church.

Right: Spontaneous worship ascends from this new body of believers.





THE LAST 20
OF CENTURY 20

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place...

*"And I know that it's the Spirit
of the Lord..."*



Ask just about anyone walking the halls of
LIFE Bible College these days.

They'll tell you, because it's true:

As we approach the last twenty years of the twentieth century,
The Holy Spirit is working something new here!

We have fifty years of solid history as a teaching/learning center,
focused on the Word and moving in the Spirit.

That's a good record, but we're not banking on it.

We're **alive** to what God is doing TODAY.

Maybe you should come to LIFE with us!

Dr. Jack Hayford
President

Some people thru whom the Spirit is working



God is continuing to prepare servants at L.I.F.E. Bible College. He is showing us His way and His Order, for bringing each of us to that place of servanthood. This is a time of "lining up" according to His orders so we can move and grow effectively with Him. The Holy Spirit is saying that He wants to continue to expand our vision so that we clearly discern the Lord's purpose globally. He is showing us how we are "jointly fitted" with one another to accomplish His will through us. I want to give of myself to students and faculty to see that the servants who are being prepared will have the qualities of perceiving the Lord's vision, with a willingness to continually move as He directs. Where a knowledge of the Word is always accompanied by the power of the Spirit to meet people's needs in a life-giving way.

Chuck Shoemake, B.A., B.Th., M.A.
Executive Vice-President



"Faithful men, able to teach others also," is the timeless pattern for contemporary training. Let me introduce some partners of mine from among the twenty-five men and women who teach.



"Behold I do a new thing; now it shall spring forth..."; "...first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn..." God has begun a fresh work at L.I.F.E. Bible College. Not only is there a renewal of spiritual life and purpose, but far more, it is a season of life-giving implantation by the Spirit of God destined to bring forth fruit new and wonderfully unique to His plan for this hour. This is the day the Lord has made. The Master has summoned us to new direction, to open-hearted yieldedness, and a united quest of His purpose. The seed has been planted; it shall spring forth -- the blade, the ear, and the full corn. May we rejoice and be glad in it together!

Al Eastland, B.A., B.Th., M.A.
Dean of Students



L.I.F.E. began at 40. I started teaching at the College last fall at age 40. These first six months have been characterized by a clear indication from the Lord that His call for me is a call not to status, but service. I believe the College itself is sensing a similar call. We are all learning more of what it means to live and minister in the Spirit of Jesus, that is, to serve and not be served (Mark 10:45).

John Amstutz, B.A., M.A., D.Min.
Faculty Member



What the Lord is doing at LIFE Bible College and what He is doing in me personally are so closely intertwined that it is difficult, even impossible, to separate them. So I won't try. The Lord is setting for us the responsibility of seeking to discover the elements essential to preparing ministers to serve effectively a day and a world like ours. This is an exciting and all-absorbing task, and I am glad to be a participant in it.

Sam Middlebrook, B.A., B.Th., M.Div., D.Min. (Fall '78)
Dean of Faculty



Some people in whom the Spirit is growing



Dana Morales
Ventura Beach, CA

The Holy Spirit directed me to attend this College because of the emphasis placed upon the Word of God and the fullness of His Spirit in our lives. I am personally grateful for the sensitivity that is displayed by the faculty as they minister the Word of God without reservation and proclaim His grace.

Bible College has given me a completely new outlook on the responsibility of the ministry. I have found that the ministry is not necessarily just the administration of a church. The ministry is PEOPLE and I want them to be my main concern.



Becky Comstock
El Paso, Texas

LIFE is a school where the primary concern of the faculty and administration is to train us to be effective ministers to a world that desperately needs Jesus. Because my husband and I feel called by God to minister, we have chosen this school to equip us for our life's work.



Pam Wold
Dallas, Texas

Every year the College is getting better spiritually and academically. I got to know Christ better at this College through the teachers and the subjects I've learned. It had to be LIFE to equip me for the ministry I'll have in needy Japan.



Keiichiro Nishida
Japan



Jim Phillipi
Portland, Oregon

God has been training me to love people through relationships with my fellow students. My love for them involves commitment and action, not merely feeling. Since I came to LIFE, God has used this more than any one thing to develop my character and personality that I may be used by Him.



Janice Vanden Bosch
Chino, CA

The Lord has taught me that He is doing a work in me - Janice. I'm not just another student in a Bible College, but an individual chosen by God with a specific plan in mind to do a unique work for Him.



Ricky Temple
Los Angeles, CA

Through my experiences at LIFE, the Lord is working a discipline in my life that I've never known. I'm learning discipline in my prayer life and in my studies. Because of that, I'm experiencing a new dimension in my spiritual life.



Ken Wold
Vancouver, Wash.

LIFE is a college with a vision to see people transformed and become transformers. The curriculum is Biblically centered and academically sound. God has blessed us with instructors who see teaching as more than just a job. They are dedicated to seeing students prepared for Christian leadership.



Steve Ranck
Valinda, CA

Two key things are happening here at LIFE. Not only are they alive here, but they are alive in me since I began my enrollment. They are RELATIONSHIP and COMMUNICATION. The Spirit of God in love and understanding not only has equipped our school with a sensitive and strong faculty, but that strength has blended into the student body to bring a spiritual oneness to all of us.



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At LIFE Bible College
God's Will For Your Life
Is Our First Concern



THE LAST 20
OF CENTURY 20

"We have determined to be a part of the Holy Spirit's present redemptive action in our world".

J.W.H.



I have asked God, "What is your strategy for the final decades of this century?" I know He has one, and we are committed to being "tuned in" to it. The strength of our history is complemented by our flexibility. Nothing truly alive can become stodgy and remain truly living.

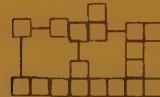
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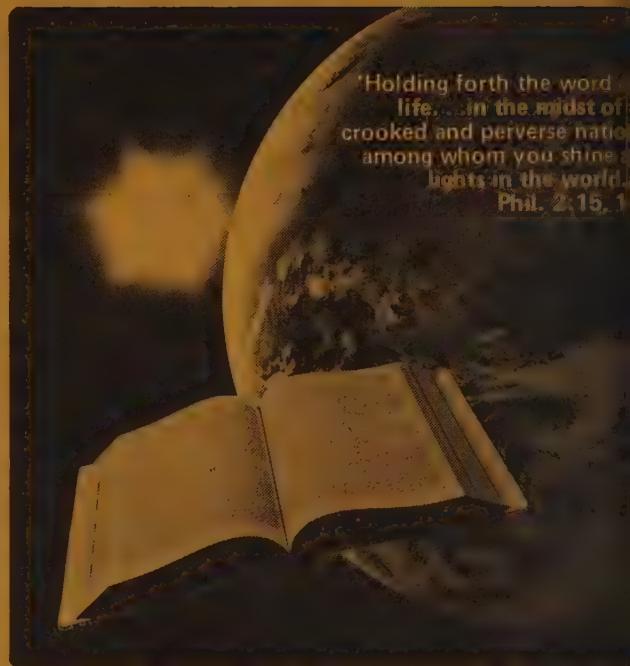
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The diminshing presence of dynamic, moral leadership...

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The erosion of authority in government, family and business...

The enlarged awareness how spiritual gifts enable us to edify...

(Cont. from p. 8) Several families lived in the north part of the city and they initially became a part of the newly formed body of believers. Reverend Steve Von Hoff, member of the pastoral staff, was appointed as pastor of the north side church. During a Sunday morning service in May, 1977, Pastor Hyde had the parent congregation gather around the designated group of approximately 30 people and commissioned them to the new work. Presently the group is meeting in the home of Pastor Von Hoff, growing in their life together and sharing Christ with that community. Future growth is sure with the continued support and prayer of the parent church. Since then God has sent another 30 people to the Chelwood Park Foursquare Church and their growth continues also.

Not all new congregations begin with the unselfish blessing of a parent congregation, but instead are forced to struggle in infancy and often die for a lack of loving parental care. Perhaps this, in part, accounts for the number of churches which are closed each year. Pioneer works have all too often begun with "buying buildings" and "holding services" which frequently resulted in "closing buildings" and "discontinuing services". We believe that "mothering" churches is the normal birthing process and is the key to reproducing hundreds of healthy new churches.

As we look across our continent, we soon become aware of the need for "mothering" hundreds of new Foursquare churches. In the U.S. alone, there are over 260 metropolitan areas with populations of 50,000 or more. These urban communities should become targets for mothering multiple congregations. Over 100 of these communities have no Foursquare church. In others there is only one church, which is usually referred to as the "First" Foursquare Church—indicating, hopefully, that there are plans for a second, third, or fourth Foursquare church in that city. The words of Jesus should come as a clear reminder, "*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest*" (Matt. 9:37, 38). We need a "baby-church boom" in America. May 1978 be a year of "planned parenthood" for new Foursquare churches! ④

We Correct

The La Puente, California Foursquare Church story which appeared in the January-February, 1978 ADVANCE listed Enrique Zone as having started, with his parents, the Spanish Department of the church. This statement is incorrect. Reverend Zone never attended the La Puente Church. Also, the church was pioneered in 1951 and not 1956. Our apologies. —The Editor

(Cont. from p. 7) a Foursquare Church.

"We gave ourselves to prayer and preparation from November, 1974 to August of 1977" shares Pastor Slater. In July, 1977, folk from Pierre extended this invitation. A mailing list compiled, current plans and a starting date were shared and announced through correspondence; local advertising was carried on.

The first service was conducted by Pastor Slater in August in a bank community room with 38 in attendance. For 16 weeks a group of about 20 people from Watertown drove in campers and cars the 186 miles (one way) to Pierre to conduct Friday evening services. An organ, equipment and other needed supplies were contributed by the Watertown Church. In November, 1977 Reverend and Mrs. George Cline became the pastors.

Assistance from District leadership and the U.S. Home Mission's Funds are being extended to this new endeavor, as well. Together with the Watertown Church, the pastor's salary for a period of time is provided and a trailer-parsonage has been purchased. Members of the Watertown Church have committed themselves to fasting and prayer, financial support, and assistance in many other ways.

Close fellowship is maintained between the Pierre and Watertown congregations. An exchange of visits is made by the pastors, twice a month, to discuss current and future plans.

**Spokane Valley, Washington
Foursquare Church**
Planted: Wilbur, Washington
Foursquare Church

Wednesday evening meetings, conducted in Wilbur by Pastor Lloyd Powell of the Spokane Valley Church, resulted in the birthing of a Foursquare church in this town.

When folk involved in these services in Wilbur expressed a desire to form a church body, it was believed to be God's will that a staff member of the Spokane Valley Church serve as its pastor. Thus, Reverend Jim Thomson became the pioneer pastor. From Wilbur New Life Center's inception, it has been basically self-supporting. The Spokane Valley Church made an initial investment in purchasing a church, but since that time the people have supported their pastor full time and have needed no further financial aid. Workers from Spokane Valley visit the Wilbur Church services and assist in various ways.

Reverend Thomson regularly attends Spokane Valley's weekly council meetings. In this way, continual contact is maintained with the Wilbur fellowship. Pastor Powell also makes periodic visits to Wilbur. "Both congregations consider themselves an integral part of the other," shares Pastor Powell. ④



Above: Group prayer in Logansport, Ind. Below: Musicians minister in Wilbur, Wa. Scenes of winter do not hinder church attendance in Pierre, S.D.



(Cont. from p. 4)

in your pilgrimage are experienced by every other person you have met. *We Are Family.* This knowledge still overwhelms us unless we relate the *family* to the *Father*.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RELATIONS ARE BASED IN THE FATHER'S ABILITIES

Family is still a very scary and impossible word until we are assured of the family's resources. It is at this point (the Father strengthening the inner man) that the relationship becomes critical. For instance, I as an individual, would like to feed the world's hungry. However, I have a problem. My resources are totally limited. I doubt if I can feed more than my household and the family next door. In fact, I have no assurance I can feed myself, my wife and my daughter until I remember our Father. Now, that changes everything. He can take a grain of wheat and multiply it a hundred times. He can multiply the seed until it is bread for all the earth. Because my Father can provide not only bread that perishes, but also the Bread of Life, I am no longer afraid of you or what you will ask of me. The Father's grace and peace covers our relationship. *We Are Family.*

FAITH IS SUBSTANCE AND EVIDENCE

Having established the Father's grace as the basis of relationship, it is now necessary to balance inner strength with outward performance. The second petition of our prayer is "*that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.*" To the word *family*, will you join the word *faith*?

The full demonstration of the Father's grace and truth is manifested in Jesus who went about doing good. In fact, a careful consideration of the incarnation, the definition of faith (Heb. 11:1), the plan of salvation (Eph. 2:8-10), and the definition of living faith (Jas. 2:14-26) will bring us through the family's promises into the family's purpose. This purpose is to work the works of the Father. The separation of faith from works is not only a most dangerous theology, it is an impossibility. A faith that does not relate to the obvious needs of people is to us no faith at all.

Surely we are all convinced God's family is experiencing a renewal in the Spirit. I am also convinced that the next step in this renewal is an expanded understanding of faith. Faith which brings inner strength also brings visible demonstration of our Father's grace.

THERE IS WORK FOR THE FAMILY TO DO

Last year, I had the privilege of representing the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel as your delegate to the 1977 General Council of the Assemblies of God in Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma. It was a thrilling experience. Many thousands of Pentecostals filled that city. This demonstration of Pentecostal presence was even more impressive as I sat in the Myriad Coliseum in the heart of that state's Capital and realized that the week before, the Pentecostal Holiness Movement had filled this Civic Center night after night. Having been a Pentecostal most of my life, it was with considerable gratification that I observed the size of the crowd. In fact, sitting on the platform observing the strength of the Pentecostal witness, the thought occurred to me. "The Pentecostals are here to stay." But the Father spoke to my inner man and said, "The Pentecostals are not just here to stay; the Pentecostals are here to work in a world of need." I truly believe the Holy Spirit desires to help us as a people to renew the understanding that has so filled our history.

FAMILY COMPREHENSION

The third part of our prayer activates the believer's ability to comprehend. Let's begin with the statement, "*to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.*" Without the Father's gift of family relation, this statement isn't very rational. How can we know the love of Christ if it passeth knowledge? The family provision of acceptance and faith-filled performance of good works leads directly to a *knowing* based on relationship rather than information. One of the things we should believe for is a relationship knowledge of God.

Several years ago, I reached a real crisis in my pastoral ministry. It was not a time of emergency, but a time of quiet desperation because progress had leveled off. The church was strong, but not growing. My own life was stable, but in need of renewed direction. The Father asked me to give the first hour of each day to intense prayer. I must confess, as a busy pastor, this did not prove to be easy. I learned many things during those prayer times. One of the first things was that I could present the Father with an hour, but what He did with it was very much up to Him. I also learned it was easier to give time than attention. Strong direction did come out of those early morning meetings, but not until I learned the most important lesson of all. I realized that I was almost completely seeking what the Father could do and what He had promised to give; I was not seeking to know the Father. What I must finally say in connection with "The Family of God" is that knowing God is a relationship with His character and nature. "Living in God's Family" is related to the gracious nature of Him from Whom all life flows. To be His family is to know Him and become like Him. "*Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*"

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FIELD REPORT:

CHINA PRAYER GROUP

A highlight of the recent trip to the Orient made by Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Foreign Missions, was a meeting with a small group of university students who call themselves, China Prayer Group. The evening was spent in prayer and in the sharing of some of the experiences of the past few months. All of the young men and women, who comprise the group, have travelled into the People's Republic of China on at least two occasions. Their purpose is to share the Good News of the Gospel on a one-to-one ministry.

The following is a letter received by Dr. Edwards from a young lady who is a member of this prayer group:

"The following message was sent to me by one of my kinsmen in South China:

The long drought has dried up all the fields in the south;

What the people desire is sufficient food supplies. In rural areas, man gets 12 square feet of cloth per year;

What they need is sufficient clothing to cover their bodies.

They work so hard all their days, but achievement is unavailable;

They only want freedom. That's not too demanding, I suppose.

The bondage of their minds confuses their concepts of God;

They know nothing of what their souls, in fact, are longing for.

"Seeing that these kinsmen of mine needed help desperately, I decided to do something about it. Packing for my own needs, as well as extra food, extra clothing and a Bible, I set out to the land of my fathers to satisfy their needs.

"The curtain of darkness settled upon the Chinese sky, which was decorated splendidly by the stars of the night. All had come to rest from the toil of the day in the peacefulness of the open field.

"Would you sing us a song?" they asked of me, their visitor. Facing a family of eight, I (even though uneasy at first) dared not let them down. 'O Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder...'

"Good! That's very nice! What kind of song is it? Do sing again, Please!" Altogether I sang four or five songs.

"We have never heard songs like this before!"



"Then maybe I'll explain, O.K.? Did you ever discover the beauty of the sky?

"Yes...sometimes."

"And when you saw the sun, moon, stars and clouds, did you ever wonder about their Creator?

"Yes. Who is He?"

"Have you ever heard of God?"

"No!"

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.' But, man fell. Do you know what sin is?

"No!"

"Sin is... But Jesus..."

"Leaving behind my Bible, I heard the words, 'Oh yes! We'll read it!' Returning back to my home of freedom, I was cognizant that God had indeed allowed me to sow seed on fertile soil. Yet this soil needed cultivation.

"Upon the arrival of a letter from my kinsmen, my heart leaped with expectation. Fumbling with excitement, my fingers managed to open the envelope, and I read..."

I did read the book which you left behind. I read several pages. But even though I know the words, I cannot understand their meaning. Do write and explain...IF YOU ARE NOT TOO BUSY!"

Recently a report was received from another member of the China Prayer Group. This young man shares in the following letter the opportunities of Christian witness which were made possible on a tour conducted into the People's Republic of China:

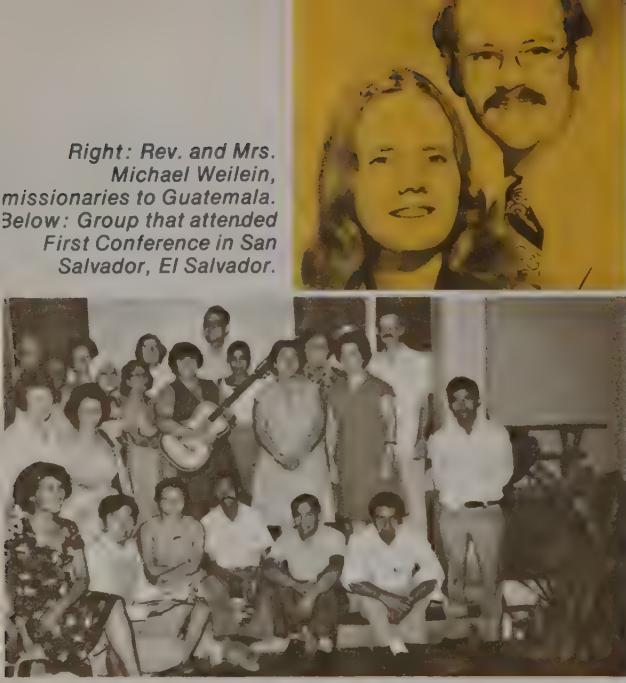
"Contrary to many opinions, God is still opening 'Doors of Access' to many in the People's Republic of China. A recent medical tour into that great nation, which included several Christian young men and women, was hosted by the Communist government itself. While there, active witness was possible and portions of Scripture distributed. Those to whom Scriptures were passed were leading members and students of the medical profession in that particular region. Pray for these, that as the 'Door of Access' has been opened to that vital aspect of society, Christ, 'the Door of Availability', will find 'Doors of Acceptance' into those hearts and lives.

"As a result of the recent Party Congress of the People's Republic, the nation is implementing a totally new plan for college education throughout every university in the land. Part of that program is the invitation of overseas Chinese scientists to conduct and oversee specific research projects. Could it be that God has opened 'Doors of Access' to hundreds of Chinese Christian youth throughout the Western Hemisphere to enter the scientific profession 'For Such A Time As This?' "

Pray for the people of China!



Right: Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weilein, missionaries to Guatemala.
Below: Group that attended First Conference in San Salvador, El Salvador.



MISSIONARY APPLICANTS' SEMINAR

"It certainly settled the call of God on my heart." "The subject matter was so informative and the prayer teaching good." "Great help to become acquainted with the missionary program and personnel." These were some of the comments made by those attending the Missionary Applicants' Seminar held at Camp La Scherpa. Approximately 58 persons gathered to be instructed and challenged in missionary concepts. Teachers included Dr. M. E. Nicholls, Reverends John Holland and Fred Wymore, staff members of the Missions Department, and missionaries. It was concluded by everyone that this retreat was extremely successful and it did much to encourage individuals to give of themselves to the ministry of world missions.

DATELINE: Asia

Japan — Reverend Natsumi Takami, pastor of the Oizumi Foursquare Church which is located in Tokyo, reports that there is a spiritual awakening taking place in the Oizumi Church as well as in many other churches around the

nation. This awakening does not seem to be happening within an isolated group or a given denomination. Rather, people who are hungry to know the will of God and who are willing to step into revealed truth, as they understand it, seem to be receiving special grace that has been almost unheard of in Japan before this time. Pastor Takami states that in his estimation all churches from all denominations functioned in a very similar manner and experienced about the same growth rates from 1940 to the present day. The growth in numbers, as well as a spiritual quickening which is presently taking place in Japan today, seem to be a new thing.

Our Foursquare missionaries report a general awakening and a new spirit of life as they visit churches from the north to the south of Japan. It is a day for God's people, who are burdened for the Orient, to cry unto the Lord in behalf of these nations (which house millions of unbelievers) that He would pour out His Holy Spirit in an unusual way in these days.

DATELINE: Africa

South Africa — The following exciting testimony is received from a National in South Africa: "The days seemed unending as I laid sick upon a grass woven mat spread on the hard earth of my grass and mud home. The sickness that had weakened my body seemed to worsen under the care of the tribal witch doctor. My people decided that they must take me by ox cart to the hospital some miles across the rolling hills.

"It was there that my mind seemed to drift in and out of consciousness and I understood very little. At one time, while unconscious, I seemed to be drifting out over the vastness of our Land. My eyes

beheld an endless road leading far into the distance. As I walked down this road, groups of happy people walked towards me singing, and with their hands raised or clapping. Never had I heard such singing. I noticed multitudes of people walking, all robed in white. I began to cry out 'Where is my robe? Please I must have a white robe.' Each time I was told to go back as I was not ready for my white robe. I could not understand and I became distressed and afraid. As I made my way back along the road, darkness seemed everywhere and I cried out, 'Help me! Where am I?'

"It was then that I regained consciousness and found myself in the darkness of a confined space. I was hitting the firm lid of a box with my hands. To my ears came the distressed, troubled voices of many people. The lid of the box was removed and I found myself ready for burial. I was in my coffin ready to be lowered into the large hole in the ground which my people had prepared for me! Declared dead, they had taken me from the hospital and were lowering me into the grave when they heard my distressed cries coming from within.

"From that day I began my search for the happy people I had seen along the road in my unconscious state. I longed to find these people who sang and clapped their hands. I wanted so much to find a white robe that could be mine! One day I heard singing coming from a home nearby. To my joy, the people inside the home were happy people clapping their hands and singing about a Christ who had died for their sins. My heart leaped within me for I had found people who sang this new song. They shared with me the truth of Jesus and His love, how He healed broken bodies and gave joy within hearts. Now I sing a

new song, too. And in the Foursquare Church I raise my hands and worship Him who shall give me that white robe."

DATELINE: Latin America

Honduras — Pastor Won was an anointed layman evangelist in the Tegucigalpa Foursquare Church. He was an outstanding witness wherever he went. Often on Sundays he would bring six to eight people, whom he had won to the Lord during the week, to church with him in order to make public confession of their faith in Christ.

Formerly from a village in the mountains he returned on a visit to this village and testified to several members and friends. They responded to his witness by surrendering their lives to Jesus and accepting Him as their Savior.

Several weeks later he returned to Tegucigalpa and God began dealing with him about full-time ministry. He sincerely desired to be obedient to Christ, so he informed his pastor that he was giving up his good government job and taking his family back to the mountain village to pastor. Two years have past since that time and today there are close to 200 believers attending his church. This congregation has financed and built a lovely church building. The obedience of every person to God's call is so vital in order that lost individuals in every area of the world may be made aware of God's invitation to eternal life.

Chile — Missions reaches a new height when the receiving church becomes a sending church. The day when people in a foreign country (to whom missionaries and finances have been sent) realize that the commission of Christ to reach the world was given to them as well as to other people, they, too, begin to

give of themselves and of their finances. This past month the churches in the country of Chile received an offering from each respective congregation which was sent to help the churches of Africa. These Chilean Christians testify, "We feel if we show a concern for others God will help us to become self-supporting, also."

Guatemala — Missionary Jacqueline Coppens is the Director of the Theological Education by Extension in this country. T.E.E. is a program that has increased the number of trained workers by making available theological education in outlying areas. Through Rev. Coppens' guidance this past year, eight books of programmed material have been written and printed. In September the 10 T.E.E. centers held a special retreat for participating students. During the retreat seven students were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Several methods used by Miss Coppens to enable the students to complete additional studies include: The conducting of weekly meetings with the leaders, and; making periodic visits to the centers for several days to conduct special times of study.

DATELINE: The Caribbean

Jamaica — "I have been healed of cancer!" testified a lady who had been to the doctor many times. In desperation she came forward for prayer during a recent tent campaign. She testified that as she was prayed for a warmth came over her and she was completely healed of cancer. During this same campaign another lady testified that she was led to the altar because of her blindness. When she was prayed for she saw a light come down upon her face and immediate-



Tent Crusade in Port Maria, Jamaica.
(See story this page.)

ly she received her complete sight. A man had not been able to work because of back pain, but after prayer his back was free of pain. Many others testified, nightly, of the deliverances and healings which Christ performed in their lives and bodies.

Missionary Harold Curtis praises God for the excellent results of this evangelistic tent crusade with guest speaker, Rev. Bob Garvey. The first night the tent was erected in Port Maria. Attendance was small, but the Holy Spirit began to move and many came forward responding to the call for salvation. The invitation was then given for those wanting to receive healing in their bodies. One crippled lady was helped to the front. After prayer she walked away in perfect health. Word of this miracle spread and in two days the tent was packed to capacity and overflowing into the surrounding fields. The attendance grew nightly and hundreds of lives were healed, both physically and spiritually, by the touch of the Lord's love. 4

District	District Missionary Giving Jan.-Dec. 1977
Angelus Temple	\$137,061.42
Eastern	134,333.97
Eastern Canada	7,422.54
Great Lakes	219,986.53
Midwest	159,284.02
Northwest	269,627.00
South Central	74,854.50
Southeast	74,550.92
So. California	300,655.40
Southwest	211,622.40
Western	140,506.94
Western Canada	63,094.28

OPEN YOUR BIBLE:

Who Cares?

By Reverend Barry McGaffin
Pastor, Kingsway, Vancouver, B.C.
Foursquare Church



In his final news conference of 1977, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau challenged the Canadian nation to have a caring attitude for its country. He placed the responsibility on the nation's leaders to communicate "faith in the future of the country". The Canadian people face threats of national disunity and spasms of economic pessimism, to which our prime leader proclaims the need for people who will "care for the country".

The parallel is easily drawn to the commonwealth of God in the question, "WHO CARES FOR THE CHURCH?" In an age best characterized by the shrug, there is a large place for people who CARE. In fact, in the face of widespread indifference, those who learn to CARE will become the indispensable influence of our age! When the cant phrase of the day is, "WHO CARES?" the Church of Jesus has before it a most challenging door which is open to those who will say, "WE CARE!" Our fellowships are to be our training ground from which we are launching "Campaigns of CARING" (Gal. 6:10).

Nehemiah was a man who cared, and the chronicle of his endeavors solicits study by those set to knock indifference in the head. The whole book of Nehemiah displays a man who cared, and cared enough to *do something* about it.

How do you tell a man who cares? First of all, by the questions he asks (Neh. 1:2). Honest

interest betrays itself best by the questions it asks.

Another telltale sign of the CARER is, "What Touches Him?" The answers Nehemiah received to his questions brought him to tears for his people (1:4). What touches you? A mechanic is touched by a neglected machine, a gardener by a neglected garden. A Christian should be touched by neglected people.

But tears are not enough. The man who CARES...PRAYS. Nehemiah prayed (1:4-11), and what we pray for manifests what we care for. It needs to be considered that a God of compassion will be interested in answering prayer that cares.

The next point of caring is the most crucial of all. The person who would care will be the person who is READY TO DO SOMETHING. Nehemiah said, "Send me" (2:5). The honest concern soon graduates from the "Oh, God, do something...send someone!" stage to the "Father, I'm ready. I'll go...send me" stage.

But "ready to go" must mean "prepared to go," and the CARING person will be a PREPARING person. Nehemiah asked for and received letters of authority, commissioning him to the task. He loaded himself with gifts fit to meet the needs of those he cared for (2:7, 8). If we care, we will spend time in the presence of the KING, receiving our commission and asking for the best GIFTS fit to meet the needs of those to whom we are tender.

And no doubt about it, caring is contagious. And a sign of true caring is that the one who cares will excite others to CARING. Nehemiah soon had a loyal band of builders at his side (2:18). Caring churches may begin with one or two, but by the loving spirit of our CARING CHRIST, our fellowships will become CARING COMMUNITIES.

WHO CARES? I predict the future belongs to those, who in the name of the one who cared the most and came the furthest, are ready to say, "WE CARE!"

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF FOURSQUARE MINISTRY Cleveland, Ohio

The Euclid, Ohio Foursquare Church recently celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the ministry of the Foursquare Gospel in the city of Cleveland, reports Pastor Olan Taylor.

Pioneered in 1927 by Reverend and Mrs. George Martin, outstanding ministers continued to fill this church's pulpit for the next 50 years. Included in this number are present District Supervisors, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Clark, who were appointed as pastors in 1941 and served for 19 years.

In 1972, under the leadership of Pastor and



Mrs. Robert Hils, the church facilities were sold to the Cleveland Clinic and a church edifice purchased on the west side of Greater Cleveland. In 1974 a Foursquare Church (Euclid) was reestablished on the east side. Reverend and Mrs. Olan Taylor were appointed pastors.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Clark both ministered in the Anniversary services. Former Pastor, Reverend Daniel Buser, as well as others who were a part of this church's past ministry shared at a Pot Luck Dinner and Fellowship Time.

The ministry of the Foursquare Gospel continues to expand in this metropolitan area. Just recently a second Foursquare church was planted on the west side in Brookpark. Reverend Michael Larussa serves as pastor.

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RAYMOND COX: current & comments

Are recent headlines of peace forerunners of wars?

The precedent shattering visits of Egypt's President Sadat to Israel and Israel's Premier Begin to Egypt have electrified the world. Newspapers have blared, "CHRISTIANS PRAY FOR SUCCESSFUL ISRAEL-EGYPT TALKS," "SADAT DECLARIES ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL!" "Sadat: HAS HE REALLY WROUGHT A MIRACLE?" "NO MORE WAR: SADAT'S JOURNEY IS TERMED A 100 PERCENT SUCCESS," "BEGIN CALLS EGYPT SUMMIT A SUCCESS," and "MIDDLE EAST PEACE HOPES RANKS (sic) [RANKS] AS TOP RELIGIOUS STORY."

But contradictory headlines caution, "NOT ALL ARABS ARE THRILLED," "DIVISIONS IN ARAB WORLD ARE WIDENING," and "PLO: SADAT SOLD ARABS OUT." About 1977's Christmas eve at Bethlehem, "EXPLOSION SHAKES STREET NEAR MANGER SQUARE."

Some readers may remember how World War II's first months were called "Phony War," as armies didn't fight from October till April but air forces bombarded opposing belligerents with propaganda leaflets. It's possible that the only thing the world will see

of the peace dove is the bill, as present negotiations may likely birth a phony peace, an illusion of security which will deceive Israel before dissolving in a massive invasion.

I've been asked scores of times lately to relate the Sadat-Begin meetings to Bible prophecy. Some wonder whether Scripture predicts this political summit. It does not, of course. But Ezekiel 38:11-12 definitely depicts Israel enjoying supposed security after her reestablishment in and reclamation of Palestine. Modern Israel has never dwelt in safety. But when she does, look out! For then the Russians are coming (cf. Ezek. 38:3, R.S.V.).

"We could whip the Russians," a jubilant Jew boasted to me after witnessing a military parade in Jerusalem. Israel will have to face them, but God will give the victory, not Dayan or Sharon or any general. And when world peace finally arrives, God alone will have achieved that too!

"YES TO PEACE," SAYS POPE PAUL," a January 2, 1978 headline announced. But it takes more than a yes from a leader. There can be no peace until the world says "Yes" to Jesus! The Prince of Peace must impose peace. Then Christ will close America's West Point, France's Ecole Militaire, and all other military academies, for nations shall not "learn war any more," and disarmament will dictate that they "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isa. 2:4), as industrial capacity gears for peace.

Sadat has not—cannot—work a lasting miracle of peace. But Jesus will! ④



FOURSQUARE FAMILY HONORS PASTORS ON RETIREMENT

Eastern District ministers from Ohio joined together for a retirement dinner in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Floyd Brock upon their completion of 44 years of ministry. Ministers on the district who were children or teenagers under the Brocks' ministry and those who now pastor churches that the Brocks pioneered, paid tribute to this fine couple. Letters of recognition from President Rolf K. McPherson, Vice President and Mrs. Howard P. Courtney, and General Supervisor M. E. Nicholls were read. A plaque from the International Headquarters, as well as a gift of money from the District were presented by Dr. Howard Clark, Eastern District Supervisor.

Entering L.I.F.E. Bible College from the Santa Paula, California Foursquare Church, the Brocks travelled to Ohio in 1933, following their graduation, to begin their ministry. At this time there were only four Foursquare

churches in the entire state. With their vision of evangelism, in the next few years they began a Foursquare Church in Newcomerstown, Mansfield and Canton.

Reverend and Mrs. Brock returned to California for a period of four years, serving in several pastorate and pioneering the San Jose Foursquare Church. Returning to Ohio in 1940 they pioneered in Zanesville and later in Newark.

During the growing years of their six children, the Brocks pastored the Wooster, Ohio church for 15 years. In 1959 they moved to Delaware, Ohio where they pioneered another church. In 1960 they accepted the pastorate of the Dayton, Ohio Church and remained there until their retirement in 1977. Reverend and Mrs. Brock were involved in building programs in many of the churches they pioneered and pastored. ④



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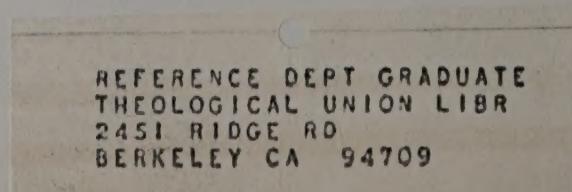


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